I am against promoting Novice and Advance license holders. They can take the exams like EVERYONE else. I applaud Hams who have been in the "business" for long periods of time. But, the amateur radio society has enough problems without letting hams advance without testing. Most of the "old-timers" did it the HARD way and I respect them. Please don't tighten the noose on our losing hobby anymore than it already is.